Missouri State Library

Show Me Express

Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

ANNOUNCING the launch of WebJunction Missouri!

The State Library is pleased to introduce a new education and training portal for Missouri library staff, trustees and volunteers. This new portal, at mo.webjunction.org, is built to work in conjunction with the State Library's official Web site and enhance the online resources already available for libraries at the national WebJunction.org site. WebJunction Missouri allows you to connect with your library peers, take mini-courses to update skills and keep up with Missouri library news -- all at one central online location.

Our site's main page includes a Missouri Library News discussion list; libraries are invited to share their news and photos via the Missouri Library News Thread. This discussion list is a good place to post information about groundbreakings, new buildings and renovations; new library directors; election results; major donations and grants; or new services offered by your library. Several other areas of the site, such as youth services, adult services, grants, library management, technology tips, training resources and Missouri Digital Heritage among others, also host discussion lists. Identify your areas of interest, connect with your peers and get the conversations started!

Missouri Courses offers over 100 online trainings available at a discount. Course topics cover multiple aspects of library service, including but not limited to, managing technology, software applications, services to various library customer groups, management and planning. Most courses are self-paced, which provide staff and trustees the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skill level at their convenience. Please review the course use policies posted at Missouri Course Policy. Missouri Courses also includes a new CE Calendar listing the offerings of the State Library, MLNC, MOREnet and other training providers in Missouri, with links for registering for the selected events.

Anyone can view information available on Webjunction Missouri, but you must establish your affiliation as a WebJunction Missouri member to post documents, join discussions and access the discounted online courses. To join, go to WebJunction Missouri and create an account. You will create a profile that includes the name of the library for which you work, volunteer, or serve as a trustee. On the 'Affiliations' tab in your

profile, check the box to join 'Missouri.' Your request will be processed to verify your eligibility as a Missouri member within 1-2 business days and a confirmation e-mail sent.

State Library staff is eager to use our new online venue to engage with Missouri 's library community. Watch for more information on developments in WebJunction Missouri throughout the coming months. Your suggestions for expanding and improving this new means of learning, sharing ideas, and improving library services are welcome and encouraged.

2010 Winter Institute registration to close on January 14
Just a gentle reminder that time is running out to get your registration submitted for the *Basic Library Skills* course or either of these two advanced course offerings, *Developing Strong Community Library Service* and *Young Adult Services*. You can sign up for your selected course topic at
http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/workshop/winterinstitute/, **Please note workshop registration will be unavailable on January 5 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** The revised agenda shortens the Institute to two nights, with the program beginning at 11 a.m. on February 16. Attendees needing to drive more than three hours would be eligible for paid lodging at the Institute hotel on February 15. Direct questions to either Marge Kudrna at 800-325-0131 ext. 17, marge.kudrna@sos.mo.gov or Ann Roberts at 800-325-0131 ext. 5, ann.roberts@sos.mo.gov.

Register for a Children's Summer Reading workshop
The State Library is offering six "Make a Splash – Read" workshop sessions in early March. Dynamic Will Stuck of the St. Joseph Public Library system will quickly fill the 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. workshop hours with practical programming tips, display ideas, the ever popular "hands-on" activities as well as suggest methods for planning and developing successful cooperative efforts.

A full listing of workshop dates and sites is available at
http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/workshop/summerreading/. **Registration** is currently open, but **is unavailable on January 5 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** February 9, 2010 is the last day registrations can be accepted. Due to space limitations, only one person per public or school library building can register as a workshop participant. Contact Youth Services Consultant Marge Kudrna with questions at 800-325-0131 ext. 17 or marge.kudrna@sos.mo.gov.

MOREnet's newly named executive director starts Jan. 11
John Gillispie has accepted the leadership position for the Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet), a unit of the University of Missouri located in Columbia. As of January 11, 2010, he will assume responsibility for one of the nation's first and largest statewide research and education integrated networks. Gillespie brings a range of experience in managing a fiber optic network capable of serving divergent entities, such as education, government, and health care. Under his tested leadership,

MOREnet will maintain the continuity of the state's shared IT services and provide direction for the network's future growth.

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